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CDHS – WINTER NEWSLETTER



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WINTER



Chairman Steve Cretney

Chairman Steve's Sentiments

Ngā mihi o te hōtoke. Seasons greetings of Winter to all our CDHS members, friends and visitors, in Carterton, Wairarapa, New Zealand and all around the World.

Winter has certainly arrived with a vengeance, following a very chilly Autumn period, that saw our own household digging into our stored firewood much earlier than usual this year. I hope you're all keeping safe and warm as the temperatures plummet.

I was very humbled to have been elected as the Society's new Chair at the AGM held on Sunday 27th April at the Carterton Courthouse, and I'm pleased to present my first report to you in our latest newsletter.

Congratulations to our newly elected committee members, firstly for agreeing to stand and secondly for accepting the responsibility of continuing the great progress the Society has made over the last few years. Special thanks go out to Vivienne Hawken (Secretary), Maria Thompson (Treasurer) and Cimone Grayson (Deputy Chair) for agreeing to stand again and continuing on in their critical roles.

David Cramp has agreed to stay on and he will be joined on the committee by Allan Renall and Marlene Ditchfield.

I'm going to take this opportunity to thank our past chairperson Pene Will, who showed exceptional leadership, as the Society accepted the need to continue moving forward with cataloguing, which will eventually lead to digitising the entire collection in the future.

Long serving committee member Ian Hawken also chose not to stand again and his regular weekly contributions will be missed immensely and I thank them both for their commitment to the Society.

The new committee proposes to continue with the work plan developed in 2024, although some of the plans have been paused, to reduce the workload on our small team and to allow the committee members to concentrate on continuing with cataloguing the collection.

The committee and I would also like to thank those members of the Society who provide support on Tuesday & Thursday afternoons, helping with various tasks to assist in completing our work plan.

We continue to receive many enquiries and requests for information. This can often take committee members away from their daily tasks for long periods, but this work has always been a service the society is willing and able to provide.

The world is changing though, and many organisations who solely rely on annual grant funding, are beginning to struggle as funding agencies see major reductions in their available funds, which then impacts their capacity to fulfil many funding applications.

This means we must adapt as an organisation, and consider how we might raise funds if we fail to secure grant funding in the near future. An option may be for the committee to consider charging out for time spent, fulfilling requests etc.. and this will be up for discussion as we move through the next few months.

We have been lucky enough to receive \$500 from the Lions Club of Carterton, towards the printing costs of our Newsletter.

Please consider renewing your membership with the Society if you haven't already done so, as your ongoing support helps cover our daily running costs.

Our premises are located at 142 High St North, Carterton and we meet on a Tuesday and Thursday between 2pm & 4pm, so please call in and say hello, as you're most welcome.

Ngā mihi, Steve

CDHS - FUNDING UPDATE

CDHS has been extremely fortunate to have received funding from several different trusts we have submitted applications to over recent years and we're eternally grateful for their ongoing support.

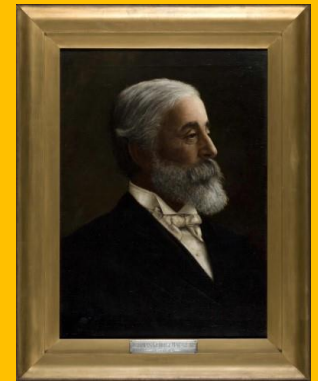
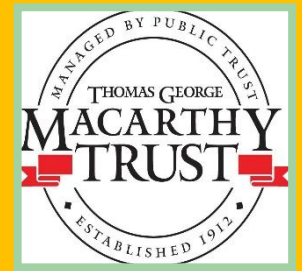
Unfortunately, "Grant Funding" is becoming increasingly difficult to attain, as many funders who raise funds through gambling outlets (e.g. Trust House), see a marked decrease in income, partly due to families not having any disposable income to spend frivolously on pokie machines, but mainly due to the increase in online gambling, which do not share any profits back into NZ.

We will continue to apply to the various trusts, but media statements suggest they have limited funds available and will be far more selective as to which organisations receive any funding. "We can but hope."

We have applied to the TG Macarthy Trust for funding towards our ongoing operational costs, in essence our annual rental costs for our premises.

Thomas George Macarthy of Wellington, was a brewer who died in Wellington on 19 August 1912. The Trust created by Mr Macarthy's will, as varied by two Acts of Parliament, provides for so much of the income as the Board of Governors sees fit to be distributed among registered charitable or educational organisations operating in the old Wellington provincial district.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we are always looking for alternative ways to raise funds and secure our future, so if you know of anyone with a love or passion for anything or everything historical, please send them our way.



Thomas George Macarthy

CDHS - WEBSITE UPDATE



The latest information to have been added to the Website, is the story on The Royal Oak, which you can find by clicking on the following link:
<https://www.cartertondistricthistoricalsociety.org/copy-of-health-services-in-carterton>

The website will continue to have stories added through the year, with the next update being a story on the Vicars of St Marks.

Carterton Crier Articles

We have tried to complement our Crier Articles with what we have been showing in our street window displays, with the April/May issues relating to ANZAC Memorials and the June issue focused on our local New World Supermarket.

APRIL EDITION: In 1946 the Gladstone, Longbush and Te Whiti settlers formed a committee to raise funds for a War Memorial, which would be named the "Mangaraki War Memorial". The memorial was unveiled in 1953, and includes the names of 24 soldiers who lost their lives in World War One and 10 soldiers from World War Two. The Maungaraki Range provide an extremely peaceful rural backdrop. Thirty-six scarlet oaks were planted after the new bridge was completed. It is popularly believed that 34 of the oaks represent the fallen and the other two are Guardians.

READ ARTICLE

MAY EDITION: Carterton's War Memorial was unveiled on 13 February 1921 and takes the form of a broken obelisk set on a plinth, built of red granite. The broken column of the monument



The War Memorial features the names and ranks of 114 local soldiers who lost their lives. After the Second World War, in 1949 a black granite base was inserted below the original red granite sections, carrying the names

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of the soldiers who lost their lives in the subsequent twentieth century war.

JUNE EDITION: Carterton New World has been around since the 1950s, after Don Irwin and family purchased the original building from Harry Knutson and changed the name to Knutsons New World. About 20 years later Paul and Robin Irwin with their wives Robin and Phillipa, made a major commitment to the district by building a huge 3600 square-metre ultra-modern supermarket, which took the business into the

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twenty-first century. The old store and that of Kemp Goodin Ltd, was demolished to make way for parking space. The new building occupies the land of Gordon Hughan Ford on Pembroke Street which closed in 1991.

If you have a suggestion then please feel free to contact our Secretary Vivienne on our email for Carterton District Historical Society carterton.hist.soc@gmail.com or phone Vivienne on 0274 655 663.

Mangaraki War Memorial Gladstone



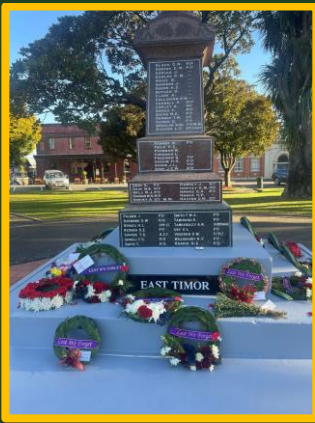
The Oaks



Memorial Square



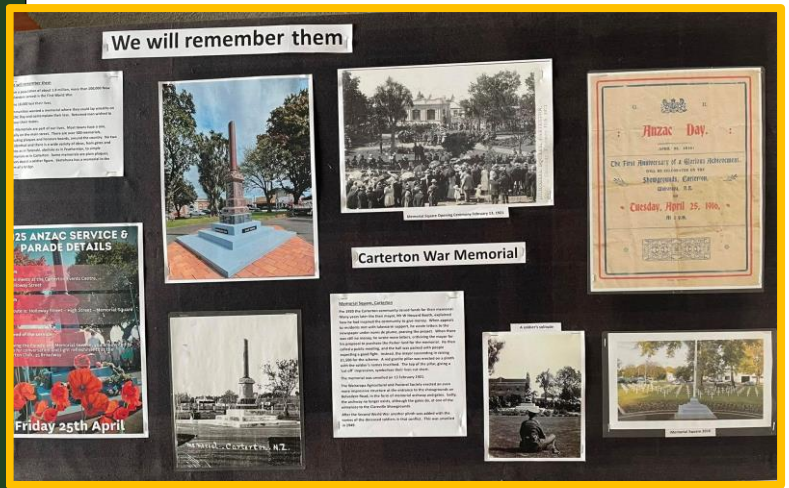
Knutsons New World



Over the month of April, we created a display aligning with our annual day of remembrance for our ANZAC's on April 25th, which focused on the Carterton War Memorial Cenotaph in Memorial Square, Carterton and the Maungaraki War Memorial in Gladstone.

We included some new photographs as well as the old.

Many days when we were at the rooms completing our weekly tasks, someone would stop to look and read the displays.



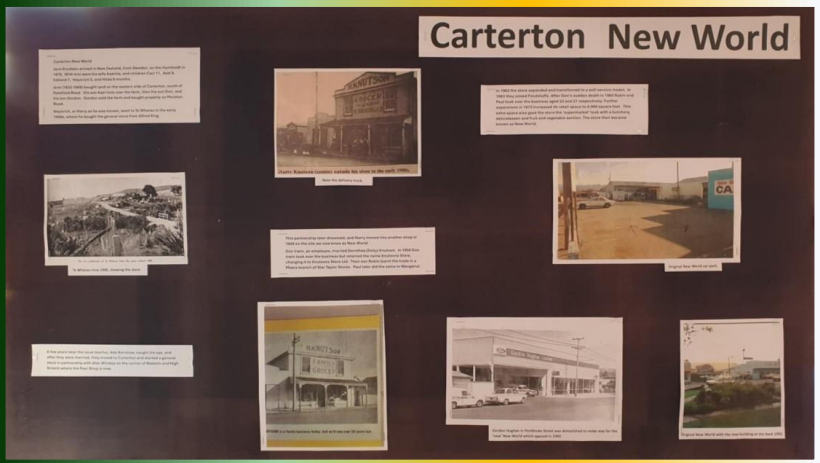
CDHS WINDOW DISPLAYS

With the sale of the New World land from the Irwin Family Trust to Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua Investment Trust, we thought it was very timely to do a display on the beginning of the Knutson's store in Carterton. From his first shop in Te Wharau, Harry Knutson expanded his business, and eventually his grandsons founded the supermarket.

This supermarket was then purchased by Don Irwin, who changed the name to Knutsons New World and through the years, development has seen the site morph into the shopping precinct we see today, which was completed by the Irwin Family.



Hayley Quirke (nee Irwin), Robin Irwin and Finlay Irwin – Developers of the site



MARJORY AROHA BOOTH

GROWING UP AT 'MIDDLE RUN'

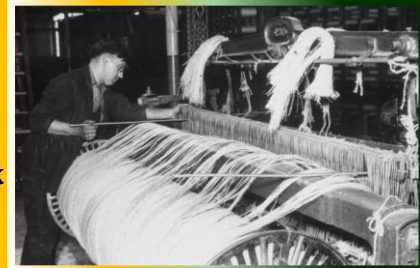


Marjory Aroha Booth
Born 1894

"Photo from the Private Collection of Shirley Arabin"

By the time Marjory was born in 1894 life had changed dramatically for members of the Booth family from their life in Manchester. Her grandparents William and Jane would have lived in very poor conditions in cheaply built terrace housing with poor ventilation and lacking light, where multiple families lived in proximity with few toilets, and often contaminated water.

William for many years was a calico printer in the cotton mills but by the 1851 English census, was a gardener. Mill workers, including children worked twelve to sixteen-hour days, six days a week. Marjory's aunt Nancy at fifteen years of age, was a power loom weaver and her uncle William junior, aged thirteen, was a power loom tenter, a worker who placed pieces of woven fabric on a tenter to dry. Her aunt Sarah, aged eleven, was a nurse girl, probably looking after three-year-old Alfred. The whole family must have lived a healthier and happier life in New Zealand, after the polluted air of Manchester.



A Power Loom Tenter hard at work.

Marjory, the ninth surviving child in the family (the twelfth birth for her mother), was born in 1894 in a house in High Street Carterton where the family had lived since their move from Ohariu where Alfred met Mary Ann Bryant and married.

Her grandfather bought a sawmill and cutting rights in 1874. William junior had joined the family in 1872 having remained in England to complete his education and become an ordained Congregational church minister. So, Marjory was born into a well-established pioneer family living in more comfortable circumstances than they had probably ever imagined.

Alfred took his money out of the mill and bought the land he was to call Middle Run, in 1889. The house Alfred built on it, he named Harwarden. After completing the house Alfred laid out a nine-hole golf course, a tennis court, and bowling green. He even dug out a boating pond and built a boat and a canoe.

Marj remembered him boiling water to create steam to bend the boards for the hull. Water for the pond came from the Waingawa River through an irrigation system he had installed.

The residents of Harwarden took part in a busy social life. Alfred held an annual bowls tournament and tennis parties were held frequently as many of their friends also had tennis courts. Golfers came on Sundays from other clubs in the Wairarapa.

Touring sports teams like the M.C.C and the English Rugby team had a game of golf at Middle Run when staying in Wellington.



Manchester smog in the 1800's



Harwarden

"Photo from the Private Collection of Shirley Arabin"

Marjory was a young girl when Alfred and Mary Ann took her and her brother Bertram on one of Hattrick's houseboats up the Wanganui River to Pipiriki and back. Bert unfortunately caught measles, which caused the asthma that was to plague him for the rest of his life. Their mother Mary Ann's health began to deteriorate for she suffered from nephritis, from which she died when Marj was only nine, so most of her memories of her mother were of her as an invalid. Marj attended Parkvale School. Alfred Booth made a special effort to care for his youngest child with the help of the four sisters who were still at home. His father had played in a



Alexander Hattrick's Houseboat
'Makere'



brass band in England and when the Bessie's of the Barn from Lancashire toured New Zealand, he took Marj to the Christchurch Exhibition in 1906 where they were performing on their tour. Alfred also took Marj to concerts in Wellington including to hear Scottish Singer and comedian Harry Lauder in 1914.



Harry Lauder
Scottish Singer & Comedian

MARJORY AROHA BOOTH GROWING UP AT 'MIDDLE RUN'

Alfred Booth arrived in Wellington with his family in 1859 on the "Queen of the Avon" and he had made friends during the voyage with Tom Taylor. The Taylor family continued the voyage to Nelson, and that family settled in Marlborough. Over thirty years later, the Taylors moved to their farm, Beaumaris near Masterton, and Marj became great friends with Tom's daughter Rene (Irene) Grace. Neither of the girls particularly liked Jim Steel, who was courting Marj's sister Grace, and on one visit the girls turned Jim Steel's grey horse into a black horse by brushing boot blacking onto the poor animal's coat. The result was that Alfred sent Marjory to boarding school at Wanganui Girls' College in 1909 and the Taylors sent Rene to a convent in Masterton. Marj and Rene remained lifelong friends, so, the bond that began with two boys on a sailing ship in 1859 lasted until 1984 when Marjory died. After they left school Marj would ride to the Taylors to visit Rene for a few days then the girls would ride together to stay with other friends. In her latter years Rene lived in one of the first New Zealand retirement villages at Te Kauwhata and I used to take my mother to visit her as we were all living in Hamilton at the time.



Beaumaris Homestead

Marjory enjoyed her time at Wanganui Girls' College although she felt Parkvale School had not prepared her very well for it. Her cousin Bella Bryant was also a pupil, and Marj made many lifetime friends. She later attended and enjoyed the school reunions and her membership of the Waikato Branch of their Old Girls' Association. She was eventually the oldest member of the latter and enjoyed being the cake cutter at their annual lunches.



Wanganui Girls College
Circa: 1900's

By the time Marjory left school her father owned two cars. He bought a two-seater Rover in 1904 and later a four-seater Ford. Marj and her sister Dorothy learnt to drive and Marj also had to keep the oil topped up and was able to change a tyre. Bert, whom his siblings said should have been an engineer rather than a farmer also drove and one day had the bright idea of a car race. He and Marj took a car each and drove up the road towards Carterton. Marj turned hers easily at the corner but Bert drove into the long grass to turn, forgetting there were deep ruts from where the horses and wagons rested, and he broke the front axle of the car. Ignominiously, he returned to the house to collect a horse and sled to bring back the disabled car.



Alfred & Dorothy showing off his two cars in front of Harwarden at "Middle Run".

"Photo from the Private Collection of Shirley Arabin"

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GROWING UP AT 'MIDDLE RUN'

Harwarden sat on sloping land on the hill, Puketapu, that dropped away to the east on a steep escarpment and it was from here in 1913 the Fisher Monoplane flew from the flat behind Middle Run. Marj, with nephews Jack and Bob sat on the hill to watch this flight of the first plane built in New Zealand. Another nephew Frank was closer to the action and was said to have either pushed it to start or swung the propellor. Today a model of the plane stands beside the Gladstone Road just past Middle Run.



Fisher Plane



Daffodils growing in the fields with Harwarden in the background

Besides driving the car for her father, Marj helped him with his daffodil project when he ploughed in half a ton of daffodil bulbs into the lawn at the front of the house. Closer to the drive they planted more by hand between the trees. Alfred sold daffodil bulbs, the prices ranging from three pence to twelve pounds and I have his catalogue for 1913. He had imported bulbs from Holland and cross-pollinated and created his own varieties. The novelty of the acres of daffodils drew more visitors.



"Photo from the Private Collection of Shirley Arabin"

The man at the far back is Jack Booth (father of the late Dick Booth). Randall is the one with the weird green headgear and his brother Frank behind him. Henri Roake is the girl in the middle, daughter of Poppy Booth the eldest daughter of Alfred. The guy with her may be Ken Baird her future husband (or may not), Marjory is on the right sitting on the knee of her future husband Bill Rice my father.

MARJORY AROHA BOOTH

GROWING UP AT 'MIDDLE RUN'

The First World War brought changes to many New Zealand families. Bertram Booth was the only son of the age to enlist in the army but because of his asthma he did not pass the medical. He then took a passenger ship to England and joined the Army Service Corps there and served in East Africa and Mesopotamia (Iraq). Marj's sister Kate and their cousin Nora Hughes were nursing in Wellington hospital and they also joined the army nursing service and worked together in Egypt at the Aotea Convalescent Hospital at Alexandria, near Cairo.



Aotea Convalescent Hospital

Another cousin Mabel Booth was in England at the time and joined a nursing service there before marrying Ralph Beetham, another Wairarapa farmer in the army.

Marjory, like many people on the home front helped with fund raising for soldiers' comforts and to support Aotea. Her father's health began to deteriorate and by now there was only Eva and Marj at home as the other girls married and Kate returned home in time to help nurse him until he died in 1919. Alfred's eldest son William Henry and his wife Alice moved into Harwarden on Middle Run from the other house where they had lived. By the end of 1918 the influenza pandemic had reached New Zealand and Marj helped nurse friends until she caught it herself. Her description of the illness was of its severity and the terrible headache involved which ended with a severe nosebleed.

On the flat behind Middle Run there were Maori living in a pa who were severely hit by the 'flu. Marj and her sister-in-law Alice took food to them and helped where they could.

Generally, Marjory and Alice did not get along very well and Marj began spending more time away with her aunts in Johnsonville and Ohariu and her sister Poppy in Dannevirke. Poppy's husband Dick Roake had started the Dannevirke Hunt and Marj met a young farmer, Bill Rice, at the hunt ball, whom she married in 1924.



Marjory Booth
"Photo from the Private Collection
of Shirley Arabin"



Alfred Booth's first home in High Street, Carterton
(with some of his children and some of the extended
family.)

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CDHS would like to thank
Shirley Arabin for her
Marjory Aroha Booth story.



WAIRARAPA WALKING FESTIVAL

Wairarapa Walking Festival was the brain child of Celia Wade Brown back in 2021, and CDHS has been part of the festival every year since. Each year, a team of CDHS volunteers, previously led by Pene Will, research and create a walk that centres around historical aspects of Carterton's township. Carterton is an easy town to learn about historically, because the colonial founders created such special buildings and their histories are well documented.

Our walks tend to be an easy walk and last around 1-hour in duration. We have our regular Wairarapa Walking Festival participants, who are few in number, but loyal in returning to hear about our township stories year upon year.



Celia Wade-Brown



Holloway Street

In the first year's Walk, we heard stories of Holloway Street buildings; the Courthouse, the Library, St Mark's (Masonic Lodge), part of the old Flourmill (now 47 Holloway Street) and the Police Station. The War Memorial and Memorial Square, Carrington Park and some of the sites of shops (or buildings themselves) on Carterton's High Street, have also had their stories told. Since then, Daniel Jensen's Cottage has had an audience, along with the churches and hotels that stretch from the Marquis building, down to

the Royal Oak at the south end of town and everything in-between.

There are many walks that are yet to be added - are there any special places that you would like to learn about? Perhaps you're keen to hear about the schools, or railway yards or the parks and green spaces in Carterton? Please, let us know what walks we can research

that you would like to participate in. Perhaps they can become part of this year's Wairarapa Walking Festival that kicks off on November 14th and runs until the 23rd.

Get in touch and tell us the walks that you would enjoy going on so we can get researching and bring those stories to life!

Email your suggestions today:
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HADLOW SCHOOL PUPILS VISIT TO CDHS

A short note from Deb Nelson, Hub 3 Teacher at Hadlow Preparatory School. The Carterton based students all thoroughly enjoyed their visit back in March and the information we received was then used to complete a very informative slide show presentation of He Tangata - our people to other Hadlow students.

Deb had to follow due process before providing us with a few photos from the students visit, so they were not supplied in time for our previous newsletter, hence why I've included them into our Winter Edition.



DIGITAL NZ – UPDATE

David will be continuing to work on preparing further stories to be uploaded to the DigitalNZ platform. Carterton Hotels is being continued and will be closely followed by a story on Daleton House, located at the Southern end of Carterton.

Carterton District Historical Society stories can be viewed on DigitalNZ at this link:

<https://digitalnz.org/records?text=carterton+district+historical+society>



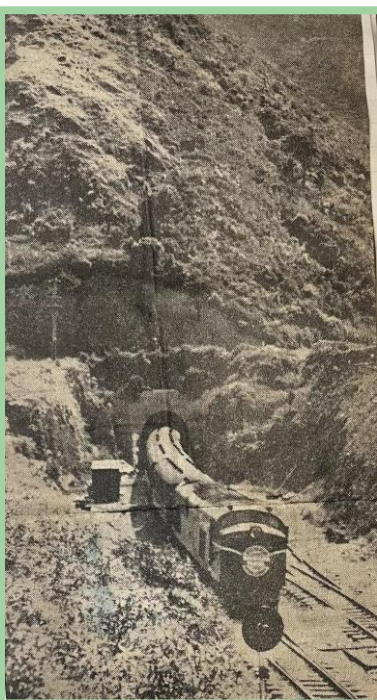
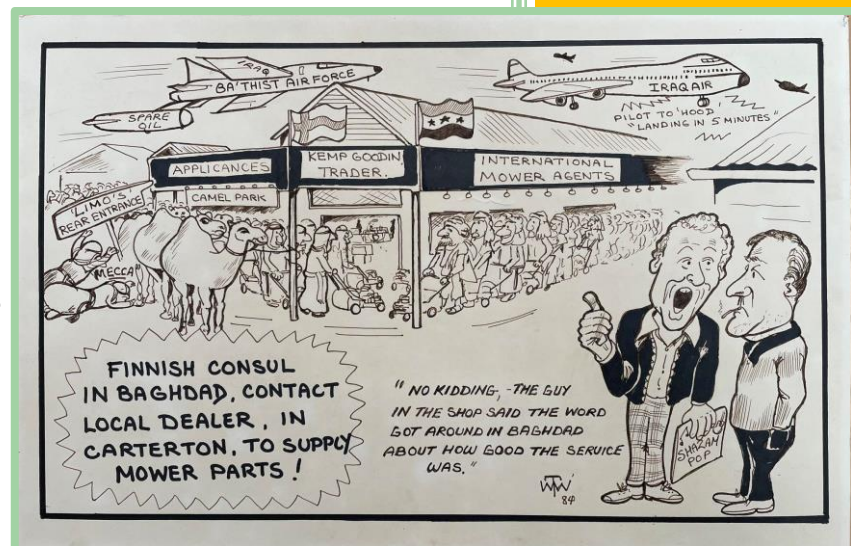
CDHS FACEBOOK PAGE



Over the past few months, we have included several items of interest which have brought about some good responses. The Society has quite a large collection of old photographs, scrapbooks and newspapers which we are cataloguing and some of these are interesting as part of the Carterton and the Wairarapa. In April we added a clipping of the 18-Bedroom Gladstone Hotel and out buildings being totally destroyed by fire. The iconic pub has been welcoming locals and travellers since 1870, and is still a great spot to enjoy all your favourite drinks. "The Gladdy" as it's locally known, started life as a ferry house beside the Ruamahanga River, way back when a horse and cart were the only mode of transport. The original building burnt down on 27 December 1934, and as the story goes, people were so keen to rescue the cases of beer, they ran straight past the full cash register which went up in flames!



Also included was a cartoon we have but was unsure of the artist. With help we learnt that it was one of Wallace W Trickett's many cartoons that he did for the Wairarapa Times Age back in the 1980's.



An article from a local newspaper about the first train to come through the new Rimutaka Tunnel 70 years ago on 20 April 1955 was very appropriate to include, plus a photograph of the staff and families from Gordon Hughan Ltd celebrating the opening of the tunnel on 3 November 1955.

Another old photograph needing verification was the E. Wynters Ltd Mantle Manufacturing building in Broadway. This building is now the Carterton RSA/ Club Carterton premises. Other photographs wanting clarification were added to our FB site during May and June and it's good to get feedback on these.



BUSINESS - PAST OCCUPIERS PROJECT

Members are continuing with the Business Past Occupiers Project, with an example of a completed sign shown below. This sign will be located at 115 High Street North, Millennium Square, which is adjacent to Wild Oats Café and home to the Charles Rooking Carter Statue.

CARTERTON HERITAGE



On this site...

115 High Street North

1883-1912	William Moriarty, Carterton Arcade. Boot manufacturer, Draper, Clothier, Grocer, Ironmonger and Wine & Spirit Merchant. This was a 2 storey property, frontage of 64ft on High St. with an additional store and factory at rear.
1912-1926	1920 T F Watson purchased the premises and land from the Moriarty estate for £2,250. T F Watson & Co (James Burton Lawrence) - moved to Mansfield building 58 High Street North.
1926-1992	Carterton Furnishing Co.
1992-1993	Equestrian Supplies. Animal House & Pet Supplies - Edith Kern.
1993-1995	Parker's Property Centre Ltd - Robin Parker Parkers United Real Estate Bax Shop - Toys, collectibles, magazines Hire Centre, Heat Shop.
1995	Building destroyed by fire 6 July 1995.
2000-	Millennium Square



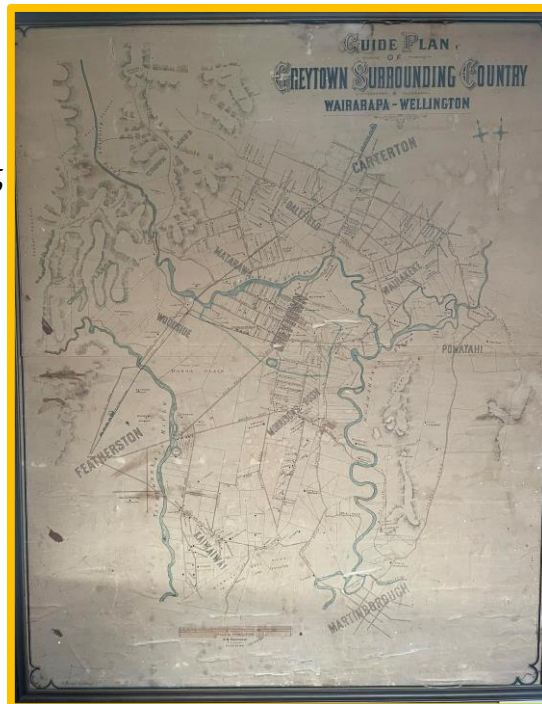
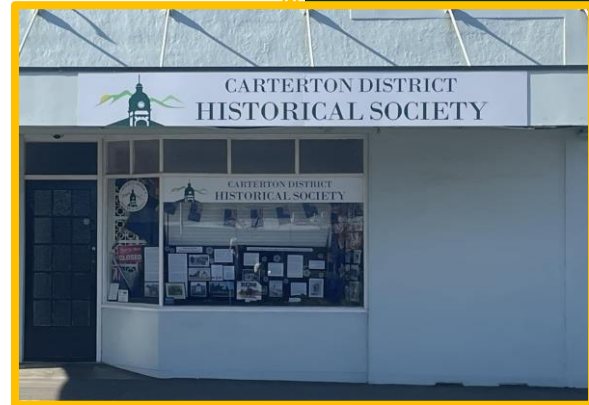
QUERIES, RFI'S and WALK IN'S

We receive a stream of queries through our email address and now, with our website up and running, we have received queries through that source as well.

We have had many people wanting information about their ancestors who lived and worked in Carterton back in the late 1800's. We are able to help and provide details where possible but trying to find the actual place of residence where the ancestor lived can be difficult, as the Electoral Rolls back then did not give street addresses just locality.

One interesting query we had was the result of a photograph we had put on our Facebook Page back in September 2024. We had received an old Guide Map of the Greytown and surrounding area Wairarapa-Wellington dated January 1896. Our query was for information on Powhau Road or Powhatu West. On searching through our maps we found a Tiffin Survey map which showed Powhatu which is at the south end of Greytown on the western side and on the south side of Papawai Road.

The map was very much appreciated which gives a real purpose to the work we do.



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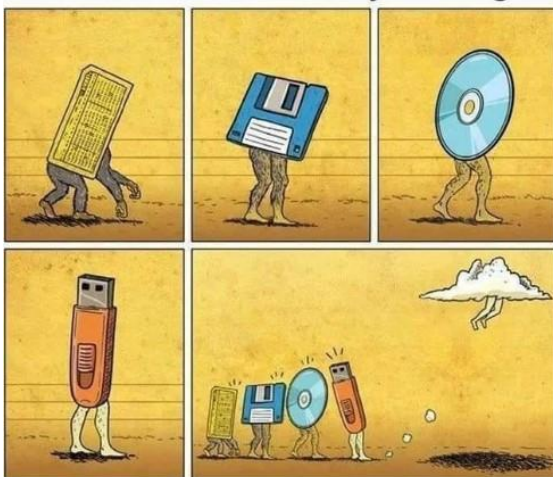
Papers Past



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CATALOGUING

Evolution of Memory Storage



Cataloguing is coming along slowly. Who knew we had so many sports photos, mostly named. We've had some laughs over 'football' being used for both soccer and rugby. The shape of the ball is useful when it's included within the photo.

The CDHS committee is the glue and the energy that keeps our tiny historical society ticking. We also lean heavily on our trusty and hard-working team of volunteers who are in the society rooms each week; cataloguing, researching, archiving or reading and always do it with a smile on their faces.



SUPPORT OUR CDHS COMMITTEE

A great deal of work happens from week-to-week and I know that we make it look easy but really it is a big juggle and a considerable time commitment to ensure that our community has access to accurate historical information and is regularly learning about Carterton's colonial past.

Established in 1998, The Carterton Crier was started by the Carterton Town and Country Development group, aiming to help develop the Carterton community. CDHS committee members decided to begin submitting a monthly article and have been contributing for close to 10 years. We publish multiple weekly stories on our Facebook page and we get a lot of traffic and engagements around the numerous stories, photographs and questions that are asked via this social media resource. We have a website that gives you a taste of the knowledge that we have collated and love to share. Plus, we host our annual AGM, historical walks or special heritage month events (August of every year), invite school groups to visit our society rooms and we research the old colonial buildings dotted around the township to share building or business details (on plaques) of what happened there in previous years.

The team is very busy and it would be really wonderful to know who else exists in our newsletter reading community - who would be keen to support the committee and share the load.

Do you have governance skills (you can learn on the job if you don't!)? Are you a fantastic writer of funding submissions? Are you passionate about delivering community events? Are you mad keen to learning historical info? Or, do you simply have a few hours per week to spare, and you would like to engage in a brilliant community volunteer organisation? We would really appreciate hearing from you, please get in touch and register your interest in joining or supporting our committee:

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AGM & COMMITTEE MEMBER PROFILES



The Society's Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 27th April at the Carterton Community Courthouse in Holloway Street, with a small but very interested group of members in attendance.

Chair Pene lead us through the meeting, before announcing she would not be restanding for the Chairperson's position and duly began the election of the committee, with nominations being taken for the various positions.

Immediately after the swearing in of the new committee, Graham Gray & Lynn Bushell from Cobblestones gave those in attendance a wonderful insight into history of the Museum and their plans for the future.

Following the very insightful talk, the meeting was closed and everyone in attendance enjoyed a delightful afternoon tea.

The society's new committee have provided a small introduction and profile photo, but please don't hesitate to call in and visit on a Tuesday/Thursday afternoon to say hello.

We would thoroughly enjoy seeing you all visit at some point in the coming 12 months.



Chairman: Steve Cretney – I was one of the last babies to be born in the Carterton Maternity Ward before its closure in 1970. I spent 3 years away in the Army before returning to Carterton in 1991 and began building with my father (Trevor). Dad semi-retired and I opened my own company using the Fineline name in 2001. I stood for Council in 2019 and was duly elected, leading to the closure of my company in 2022, so I could concentrate on Council matters. I do have a passion for history and have traced the Cretney lineage back to 1506 in the Isle of Man. I love to attend music concerts.

Deputy Chair: Cimone Grayson (Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairoa, Tūhoe, Rongowhakaata, Ruapani me Ngāti Porou), a proud māmā, wāhine Māori and 'relative' newbie to Carterton with a passion for storytelling, heritage, and occasionally biting off more than she can chew. Cimone is currently developing a whakapapa project alongside her whānau because apparently sleep is optional. As part of the CDHS for almost four years, Cimone is equal parts heart, humour, and hustle, bringing manaakitanga and mischief to everything she touches.



Secretary: Vivienne Hawken - I moved to Carterton in 2015 from Auckland although I grew up in Plimmerton. I'm interested in family history which has led me to the Carterton District Historical Society. My working life has been mathematically based although I enjoy individual sports and have cycled/raced around Lake Taupo and Lake Rotorua. I also enjoy walking and painting as relaxation. Somehow my retirement days are busier than those when I was working.

Treasurer: Maria Thompson - Born of Dutch farming stock and raised in Featherston I worked in the BNZ for a number of years. My longest employment was as a librarian and upon retirement I read an article in the Crier for someone to enter data for the CDHS and thought 'I can do that'. Essentially a homemaker, in my down time I enjoy sewing and reading, gardening when required and preserving its produce.



Committee Member: David Cramp - David and his family came from the UK to New Zealand, via Spain in 2005, and arrived in Clareville in 2019. They carefully restored an 1870s cottage in Andersons Line, and are currently restoring another derelict cottage nearby. As well as having a keen interest in local history, David spends several months each year teaching beekeeping and governance in Tonga and the Cook Islands.

Committee Member: Allan Renall - A fifth generation Cartertonian I have spent my working life as a local dairy farmer at Parkvale. I have always been interested in community affairs including 43 years as a Lion with Carterton Lions Club. In recent years moving into retirement mode, I have taken up bowls and more recently have joined the Carterton District Historical Society after having had a long term interest in Carterton's history.



Committee Member: Marlene Ditchfield - Joining the Carterton District Historical Society has been a long-term ambition. After decades working as a journalist and now freelance writer/editor I can marry those skills with my passion for history and people stories. Born and raised in the Hutt Valley, my maternal ancestors were the Andersens at Parkvale and so there was a feeling of 'coming home' when I moved to Carterton to raise a family.

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